

Reed Canary Grass Eastern Marsh (HCG)

The Reed Canary Grass Eastern Marsh (HCG) map class represents the Reed Canary Grass Eastern Marsh plant community (CEGL006044). Nearly monotypic stands, reed canary grass is widespread in the Yellow River bottomlands and islands within the Mississippi River floodplain. Some wet meadow species characteristic of wet meadows may also be present. Dead snags are common in the Yellow River floodplain where historic logging and grazing diminished much of the floodplain forest. Scattered silver maple and northern hackberry are common in the Yellow River, but <25% cover. Areas where maples or hackberry are >25% cover, the maple phase (FMC) or hackberry phase (FEH) of the Silver Maple - Elm - (Cottonwood) Forest map class defines the area. Reed canary grass displaces native species over time, and is difficult to eradicate.

